



Walpole Yacht Club (Inc.)



Lifetime Memories - Lifelong Skills

Spring 2016 Newsletter

A Message from Our Past Commodore

I would like to commend the Walpole Yacht Club Committee and Members on their continued success. The transition from one volunteer Committee to the next is never an easy one. Those that are outgoing will always bear some apprehension for the accomplishments of their successors. However, since the new team has pulled together—the club continues to not just grow – but flourish. The enthusiasm and dedication of new members is heartwarming. I still have to pinch myself when looking at the club

now, after seeing it at a very low point. It brings me such joy to see the club that I personally fought to retain in our community now doing so amazingly. Well done to all. I'm sure it is also a joy to our senior members of the club, who in the early days, worked so hard to build and develop the club initially. Our Junior sailing members are showing great



leadership, planning activities for this summers sailing season. I am so proud to have been given the 'Club person of the Year' perpetual trophy 2015, from the Burnside family and to have my name on the Honor Board.

Our Senior sailors, committee and members I hold the utmost respect for. They are an inspiration to me and such wonderful role models for all. I have made new friends and hung out with old friends at the yacht club and enjoyed every minute of it. To all – keep up the great work. All the best to you all, Leah Elston.

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THIS YEARS *PERSON OF THE YEAR* TROPHY WILL BE PRESENTED TO IAN PAYTON AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SAILING SEASON. WELL DONE IAN!

Sail Season Dates

November 6th is the Open Day with free BBQ lunch and closure is Sunday 26th March with

a presentation afternoon. During the season the club opens at 9am Sunday mornings with kayaks and

stand up paddle boards available for those who would prefer not to sail. A race will be held at 10:30ish (weather pend-

ing). There's always a bbq lunch, drinks, tea, coffee and snacks available to purchase throughout the day.

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New Committee



Trevor offering assistance as he does, in rigging a range of dinghy's and cats.

The WYC Committee for 2016 is similar to that of last year with some great new talent. William Roocke and Max Cummuskey provide direction for the youth programs and are already keeping us oldies on our toes with their plans and enthusiasm. Trevor Holm is having a year off to focus on sailing and we wish him well. He has been a highly valued member who has been on the committee since he arrived in Walpole. We are all grateful and somewhat relieved

that Maree Pickett remains as Commodore, Ian Tarbotton as Vice Commodore, Julie Ewing as secretary and Ian Payton as Treasurer. We also have the experienced Leah Elston, on board and Lee Cummuskey, Dr Sarah Walker, Edward Roocke, Max Cummuskey, Lloyd Burnside, Tom Pickett and Tim Gamblin. Maree is also well and truly in Regatta 2017 mode and as we know, its an all-year organizational feat. Jenny Willcox has been employed to help with the administration.

Dinghy Instructor Course

On the 2nd July, six Walpolians arrived at the Royal Perth Yacht Club to participate in a week long Dinghy Instructor course. Maree Pickett, Shannon Wrigley, Monty Edmonds, Edward, Claire and William Roocke braved the cold Perth winter days. The week consisted of Tackers Induction, Dinghy Instructor introduction, Skippers Ticket qualifications, Powerboat handling, Safety boat handling and Senior First Aid qualifications. They found the most enjoyable part of the week was the power boating led by Dean Caple and Grant Hunt, hooning about at significant knottage. To balance that they also focussed on safety on the water. They wish to thank Dean Caple, from Yachting WA, Royal Perth Yacht Club, Walpole Yacht Club,

Matilda Bay Sailing Club, the Pelican Point Sea Scouts for their support of this programme and Sarah Walker, WYC member who chaperoned, cooked and cleaned for them all. Are you keen to learn to sail? Keep an eye out for Walpole Yacht Club's 'Learn to Sail' programme, beginning in October. Isn't it excellent that students of that age are able to acquire such useful skills especially senior first aid. Great opportunity. Well done!

SPECIAL THANKS TO IAN PAYTON, TREVOR HOLM, FRANK COOPER, TOM PICKETT AND IAN TARBOTTON FOR INVALUABLE ON THE DAY SUPPORT AND LLOYD BURNSIDE FOR RESCUE BOAT SUPPORT THROUGHOUT THE 2015/2016 SEASON – TRULY APPRECIATED.



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A mix of theory and practical skills at the Dinghy Instructor Course.

The club is proceeding towards becoming a Discover Sailing Centre that will create the opportunity for the recently accredited instructors to hold training and this accreditation provides the necessary level for the club to be involved with the Active Schools sporting program. For further info <http://discoversailing.org.au/>. "The State government through the Department of Sport and Recreation and Lotterywest is a major supporter of the WYC. Sport and recreation builds stronger, happier and safer communities".



Max at the Wonders

Max Cummuskey delivered a very mature, thoughtful and humorous talk at this years *Walpole 15 Minute Wonders* conference. Describing his time on the *Leeuwin*, he not only enjoyed the experience, learned new skills and made some great mates but got asked to return as an assistant crew member! Well done Max. We look forward to hearing about your up and coming adventures.

Thank you to the anonymous benefactor who created this opportunity.

"LIFE BEGINS AT THE END OF YOUR COMFORT ZONE"

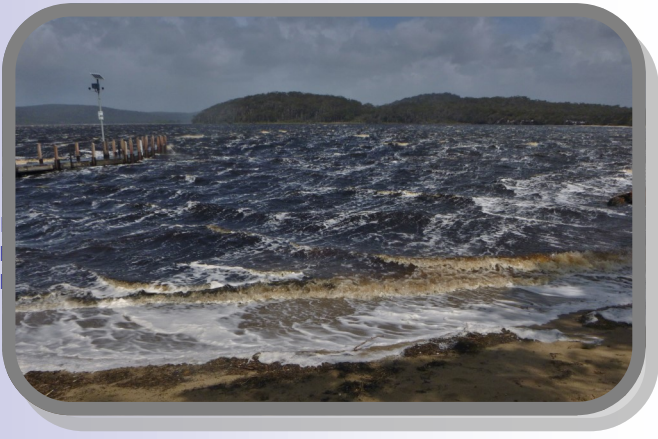
The WYC also got a mention in Matt Wrigley's talk representing the CDG - *Walpole Sustainability*. He talked about attracting people to town and the WYC being a good example of a club that was progressive, well run and attracted a



range of people. In addition, hosting events like the *Walpole in the Trees Regatta*, put *Walpole* on the map.

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The WYC Weathered the Storm



We're fortunate it wasn't a southerly on high tide.

Walpole Shallow Water Waders Club to Commence Soon

The *shallow water waders club* will commence this year with an early swim then breakfast at the yacht club. More information to come.



Just a reminder the SWWC usually swim twice a week at 7am-ish, between the bouys at Coalmine Beach over summer. Everyone is welcome. It's a relaxed non-competitive activity and bad swimming or accessories such as fins or snorkels are acceptable and encouraged.

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Development Weekend at Camp Quaranup

This weekend (14th and 15th October) our young adult sailors and parents will participate in a development weekend sailing at Princess Royal Harbour Yacht Club. It's also open to Juniors and their parents to join in with the club sailing on their larger vessels. Accommodation will be at Camp Quaranup. The young adult sailors will be spread out on various vessels to

take part in the days racing. This will vary from the



high performance dinghy's such as the Vipers to the ocean racing yachts that run courses into the sound. It's a great chance for team



building within our club, to give our sailors a broader sailing experience and to establish stronger links with other sailing clubs.



Moth Competition

We received a request from Alan Punch of the international Moths Association asking if we would host the WA Moth Southern Zone Championship at the regatta. The club has accepted and looks forward to an increased number of moths competing in 2017. Alan commented that "the inlet is arguably one of the finest flat water venues available (in the state)". The winner in Walpole will take the trophy, no other events will contribute to it.



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